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Timely Tidbits ...**RHS Graduation/
Prom Pullout Section**

Members of Romulus High School's Class of 2002 will want to pull out and keep the centerfold of this issue, which contains information and photos about their commencement and prom.

**Roscoe, Mientkiewicz
Elected to Board**

A dismal turnout of just 889 voters elected Celeste Roscoe (511 votes) and Ken Mientkiewicz (455 votes) to the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education on Monday, June 10. Candidates Rendell Wooden and Troy LaPorte received 320 and 250 votes, respectively.

Summer Reading

The Romulus Public Library has begun accepting registrations for its free youth summer reading program. Through the program, which divides young people into "reader" and "read-to-me" groups, children will keep track of the amount of time they spend reading, and will receive various rewards for reaching milestones of five, ten, and fifteen hours.

Among the highlights of the program will be weekly entertainment events offered at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. A complete schedule of events is available at the Library. For more information, call 734-942-7589.

**Golf Outing Benefits
Drug Task Force**

The Romulus Mayor's Drug Task Force will host its annual golf-outing/fund-raiser at Shady Hollow Golf Course (located at Wayne and Wick roads in Romulus) on Friday, July 12. A cost of \$75 per golfer covers play (four-person scramble format; 8:30 a.m. shotgun start), cart, commemorative shirt, lunch, refreshments, and choice of steak or chicken dinner. (Dinner only: \$50 per person.) For more information, or to register, call Mayor Alan R. Lambert's office: 734-942-7571. □

Romulus Community Schools Outperform Charters on MEAP

Winter 2002 MEAP Scores* for Area Schools

	Romulus Schools	Metro Charter Academy	Summit Academy
4th-grade reading	40.9	34.7	26.9
5th-grade writing	53.1	37.7	25.3
5th-grade social studies	13.2	3.3	2.6
7th-grade reading	34.0		20.7
7th-grade writing	43.1		38.4
8th-grade social studies	21.2		13.7

*numbers represent % of students who met or exceeded the state standard

Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, recently announced that the Romulus Community Schools have again outperformed area charter schools on the Winter Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP). This marks the second consecutive year that the district has significantly out-scored the charters on the annual statewide examination.

"Each year, we see a higher number of students returning to our school district from the charters," said Dolan. "Parents are becoming more aware of the academic performance in the Romulus schools and want to make sure that their children will have every opportunity to succeed in the future."

After learning of the MEAP results, Superintendent Joel R. Carr stated, "Our significantly higher scores over the past two years indicated that many of our specially designed programs work best for children in the Romulus area. The Romulus school district will continue to

be competitive and offer the best educational program possible."

Carr attributed Romulus's superior MEAP performance to several factors.

"Our school district was the first in Michigan to achieve the new five-year Transitions accreditation rating from the prestigious North Central Association," noted Carr. "We have many extra resources to help children achieve high goals, including state-of-the-art technology, 26 reteachers who help tutor small groups of students, and individualized educational plans for all sixth- and eighth-grade students. We also have curriculum specialists, strand leaders, and grade-level coordinators who help insure that the curriculum is aligned with State of Michigan goals and benchmarks. These specialists have further designed entry and exit assessments for each class. This helps the staff to fine-tune instruction to best meet the needs of their students." □

Millage Approval = Tax Savings

The Romulus Board of Education has passed a resolution that will make winners out of special-education students, district homeowners, and the district itself, reports spokesperson Dick Kruse.

"On Tuesday, August 6, the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency [WCRESA] will be sponsoring a 1.5-mill charter millage increase throughout Wayne County," Kruse said. "The purpose of this increase will be to help fund rising special-education costs caused mainly by increases in the special-education population of the county."

WCRESA executives report that it can cost as much as \$42,000 per year—with an additional \$4,000 for transportation—to meet the required state and federal mandates for some high-needs special-education students. About 8,000 receive their education at 38 county-wide special-education centers; 44,000 county students (1 of 8) receive special-education services.

"The Board has passed a resolution in support of this WCRESA millage proposal, and has promised to lower the district's 'hold-harmless' millage by two mills (if the millage passes countywide) so that homeowners will get an overall .5-mill tax cut," said Kruse. "This would lower taxes \$25 to \$50 per year for the average homeowner."

Local Students, Firefighters Celebrate National Exercise Day



Halecreek Elementary students and members of the Romulus Fire Department were among millions of people around the country who celebrated National Exercise Day. The students and firefighters walked around the entire school several times to promote fitness awareness.

Getting Back What We Put In

Editor's note: This article is the first in a three-part series about the Rouge River from the City of Romulus. Watch for part two, "When the River Breathes, You Can Breathe Easier," and part three, "What Fertilizers, Motor Oil, and Dogs Have in Common," in our June 28 and July 26 issues, respectively.

Water. It's ever-present in our daily lives. Many of us tend to take water's availability and importance for granted—until it becomes scarce or, even worse, polluted beyond any safe and reasonable use.

In an effort to safeguard the water we depend on, a group of scientists has banded together to help us understand the impact that the Rouge River has on our daily lives—and the impact that we have on the river. Of course, like most scientists on a collective mission, this group has chosen a cumbersome name: The Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project, or RRWWDP. However, the lengthy name doesn't dilute the importance of the group's mission, which is to enlist our help in cleaning up and protecting the Rouge River.

Romulus is one of 48 communities touched by the Rouge River and the RRWWDP project. Reaching as far north as Rochester Hills, the project embraces every community in between—a total of 438 square miles of land. This huge area is known as the Rouge River "watershed." (A watershed is an area of land that is drained by a river system.)

Rainwater falling in a watershed that doesn't evaporate or soak into the soil ends up in the river. The river currents pick up and carry a variety of things along the way. The words "Wet Weather" take into consideration at least some of the contaminants picked up and carried by the river currents. Household chemicals, lawn-care products, vehicle-care and -maintenance liquids, and yard waste enter the river through rainwater drainage.

The word "Demonstration" is a part of the RRWWDP name because a pri-

mary goal of this group of scientists is to share their knowledge with residents who live within the watershed area—residents who should take a vested interest in keeping the Rouge River clean for themselves and future generations.

Why take an interest in an environmental project that might seem larger in scope than our personal abilities?

A large part of the answer can be found simply through keeping track of one day's personal use of water. The morning shower (a rule of thumb is one gallon per minute) and the coffee-making ritual. The occasional glasses of tap water or sips from the water fountain during the day. Making the baby's formula. Cooking. Washing dishes. Washing the car, truck, or van. Doing the laundry. Watering the lawn.

Each of these seemingly simple uses of water can affect the health of the Rouge River. In so many words, we get back what we put in.

For example, the fertilizers we put on our lawns, once drained into the river, can actually promote the rapid growth of thick layers of algae and other plant life that eventually deplete the river of much-needed oxygen. Grass clippings and other yard refuse dumped near or washed down drainage sites often hamper the river's natural flow. And vehicle oil, antifreeze, and windshield-washing liquids illegally poured down drains pollute beyond safe use what we depend on for drinking water.

The scientists of the WWRRDP are dedicated to helping us better understand the impact we as individuals and residents make on the Rouge River. They also want to help us understand some simple things that we can do to help the Rouge River become healthy again.

In the next two issues, we will provide some of these simple solutions in hopes that you will incorporate them into your daily life. One person can make a difference in the healthy preservation of our most precious and vital resource—water. □

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Paying Attention To Details



Romulus Marketplace owner Ray Khami (left) and his wife Randa greeted Mayor Alan R. Lambert when he stopped in to assess the work that was being done in preparation for the store's opening.

By Steve Jones, Director of Public Relations, City of Romulus

The goal had been to open the doors to downtown Romulus's new Romulus Marketplace grocery store during the long, sun-drenched Memorial Day weekend. However, the grand opening was delayed. Why?

"Our goal has always been to make the store exactly right for our customers," said Ray Khami, Romulus Marketplace owner and general manager. "The short time frame of Memorial Day weekend would have been a rush and the details that will make our store the best it can be for customers might have been compromised. We thought it would be better to work through the Memorial Day weekend and get the details right."

"I think our customers will appreciate that attention to detail once they come in the door," he added.

Several months of long hours and hard labor have gone into the Romulus Marketplace. But it's obvious from the store's bright new look, wide aisles, and variety of products that this has been a labor of love for Khami, his brothers, and their father.

"You don't get into the grocery business if you don't enjoy being around people," Khami said as he energetically navigated his way through grocery aisles crowded with stacked boxes of products and product representatives scrutinizing how their merchandise looked on shelves. "I enjoy people and I know customers shop at a particular store not only because of certain goods or services, but because the people working at the store make them feel welcomed and important. That's a detail a lot of stores seem to miss these days. I can guarantee you, it won't be missed here."

Stopping by the store to assess the progress was Mayor Alan R. Lambert.

"This store is going to be a great addition to our downtown," said Lambert, looking at the new scanning checkout counters, bright and readable aisle markers, and large variety of stock be-

ing laid in. "What Ray, his brothers, and their father have done here represents the kind of quality the people of Romulus have long deserved."

Khami led the mayor to the back of the store. Several months ago, when work on the store was just beginning, the area was steeped in darkness. Now it is a bright, clean, deli department.

"Our deli is going to be the best," Khami said with obvious pride. "We're featuring LiPardi deli items. You can't get any better than LiPardi. And the people I've hired to work the deli are experts. They know the business, the products, and they're great with people. Like the mayor said, 'It's the kind of quality people in this community deserve.'"

Khami then showed the mayor the classically designed lantern lights that will be mounted on the outside of the store beneath the crisp green awning. Another bit of detail for the benefit of customers.

"We want it to be well lit for customers who walk here for groceries. Good, bright external lighting is important," Khami explained.

"This store represents way more than bringing convenient grocery shopping back to downtown," said Lambert. "This is a real tribute to the American family. Ray, his wife, brothers, and father all pulled together, made tremendous sacrifices, and never lost sight of building this dream together. That's what families do every day in our community. And that's just one of the many things that makes Romulus great."

The Romulus Marketplace is just the beginning of a dynamic new downtown. Along with the mayor, economic director Tim Keyes, and city planner Cynthia Lyon, Khami envisions a completely revitalized downtown that offers citizens a variety of services, entertainment, and dining options.

"Downtown Romulus has great potential," said Khami. "I'm just glad to be right here at the beginning of the downtown's incredible new life." □

Community Calendar

- Saturday in the Park** – Wayne County's "Saturday in the Park" program – which will continue from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each Saturday through September 28 – features the weekly closing of six miles of Hines Park's Hines Drive (from the Warrendale picnic area west of Outer Drive to the Nankin Mills area east of Ann Arbor Trail) to allow people of all ages to run, walk, skate, and cycle safely. For more information, call 734-261-1990.
- Eating Disorder Support Group** – A newly formed support group for people with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive eating meets each Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church (2550 Edsel Drive, off West Road, across from Trenton High School). There is no charge to attend.
- Free Rose-growing Seminars** – Great Lakes Roses (located at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter/Belleville roads in Sumpter Township) invites the public to attend one or more of its upcoming rose-growing seminars, including: **Dr. Buck's Hardy Roses from Iowa** (Sunday, June 16, 1 p.m., or Monday, June 17, 11 a.m.), **Insect & Disease Control for Roses** (Sunday, June 23, 1 p.m., or Monday, June 24, 11 a.m.), and **Rose Propagation Workshop** (Sunday, June 30, 1 p.m., or Monday, July 1, 11 a.m.). Participants are urged to dress for the weather! An optional light lunch may be ordered after the Monday programs. No reservation is necessary. Call 734-461-1230 or visit the Great Lakes Roses Web site (www.GreatLakesRoses.com) for more information.
- Romulus Democratic Club** – The Romulus Democratic Club will meet at the UAW Union Hall, Local #174 (29841 Van Born Road), at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 17. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Jack H. Trumble, Club President, at 734-941-3513.
- Cable Commission Meeting** – The next meeting of the Romulus Cable Commission will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard Road). The meeting will be televised on cable channel 12.
- Historical Society Welcomes New Members** – The Romulus Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on June 19) at the Romulus Historical Museum (on Hunt St. next to the Post Office). New members are welcome.
- Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce Luncheon** – Randy Williamson, a local police chaplain, will share his three-week experience at "Ground Zero" as the guest speaker at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce's next luncheon, set for 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, at the DoubleTree Hotel (31500 Wick Road). Cost is \$12/member; \$14/nonmember. To RSVP, call 734-326-4290 or 734-728-6066 (ask for Kathy) by 3 p.m. on June 14.
- Polka Fest** – The Wayne County Department of Parks and Recreation will host a Polka Fest at the Hines Park Warrendale Picnic Area (Dearborn Heights) from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 6, and Sunday, July 7. Featured will be the upbeat sounds of Big Daddy Lackowski and the Duane Malinowski Orchestra. Ethnic dancers in authentic Polish costumes will perform, as well. Food concessions and a beer tent will be available.
- Chamber Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual golf-outing/fund-raiser at the Woodlands of Van Buren on Thursday, August 22. To register, call 734-326-4290.
- RHS Class of 1992 Reunion** – Romulus High School's Class of 1992 will hold its 10-year reunion on Saturday, August 17, at the Clarion Barcelo Hotel in Romulus. For room reservations, call the hotel (734-728-7900); for other information, contact Andrea Johnson (313-850-7677).
- Open Registration at Romulus Head Start** – Romulus Head Start is now enrolling three- and four-year-old children for its free preschool program. For eligibility information, call 734-727-9920.
- St. Aloysius Accepting Registrations** – St. Aloysius Catholic School is now accepting applications for its 2002–2003 school year. The school advertises affordable tuition for a program that features small classes taught by all State-certified teachers, a networked computer lab with all new equipment, a daily hot-lunch program, and bus transportation for Romulus residents. For more information, call 734-941-3340.

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Summer Programs for Local Youths

The Romulus Boys & Girls Club and the 21st Century Community Learning Center will help you keep your kids happy and active this summer through a variety of educational programs. These programs will begin June 17 and continue through August 16 at both Merriam and Cory elementary schools.

The Boys & Girls Club's "Youth Enrichment Program" (which replaces the Early Bird program) will run each weekday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Cost is \$10 per week per child. Regular Boys & Girls Club programming runs weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and is open to all club members. Membership fee is \$25 per

year per child (ages 6 to 13). For more information, call 941-5839.

21st Century enrichment programming is scheduled for weekdays from noon to 5 p.m. One-hour classes will be offered in subjects such as art, dance, choir, Spanish, French, science, cooking, "imagination station," flag football, pom-poms, and more. The 21st Century Program also sponsors special Friday trips to destinations like the Detroit Zoo (June 28), the Toledo Science Museum (July 12), Greenfield Village (July 19), the Cranbrook Science Institute (July 26), and Rolling Hills Water Park (August 4). For more information, call 734-532-1755.

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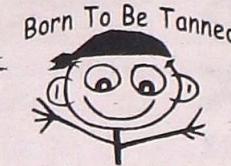


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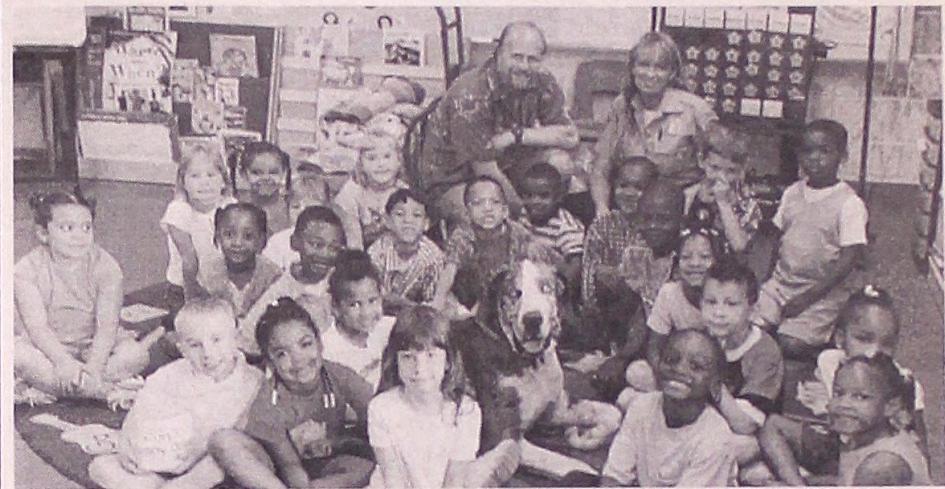
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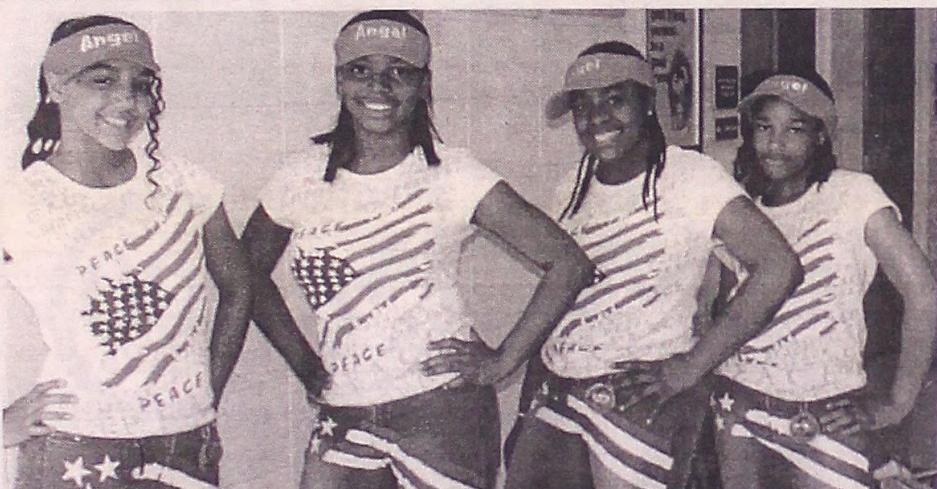
Around the District



The enjoyable and informative orientation class conducted by master teacher Karen Richard for Barth's 2002-2003 kindergartners and their parents had young and old alike eagerly awaiting the start of classes in August. Program attendees received the district's prekindergarten "kit" to study over the summer to ensure an even faster start this fall.



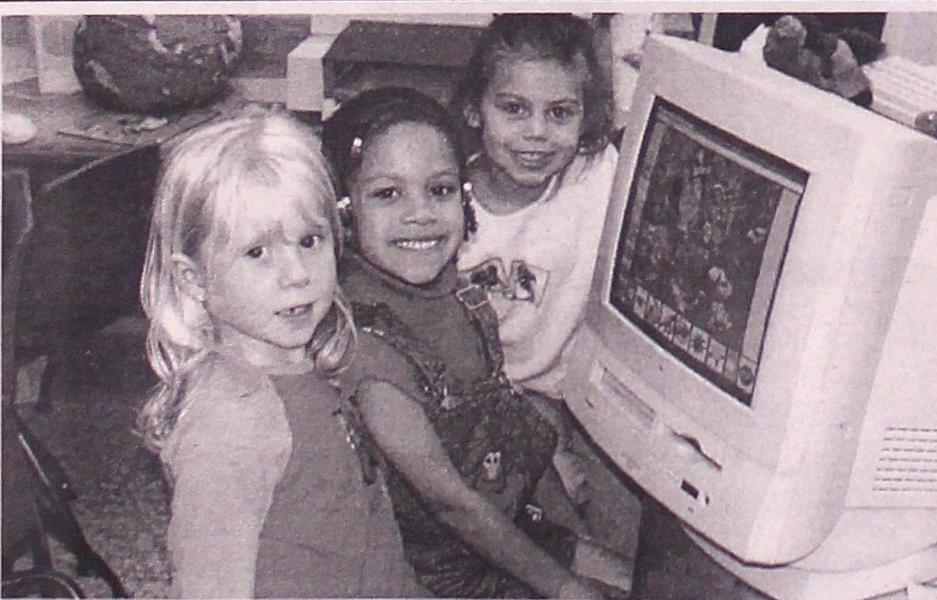
Maureen Brennan's kindergartners at Cory received a thank-you visit from Kim Matthews (Romulus Animal Shelter), Mark Rosenthal (Animal Magic), and "Merlin" (a friendly Great Dane) for raising \$141 for the animal shelter through a yearlong penny drive. The service-learning project gave the students a chance to practice counting and organization skills.



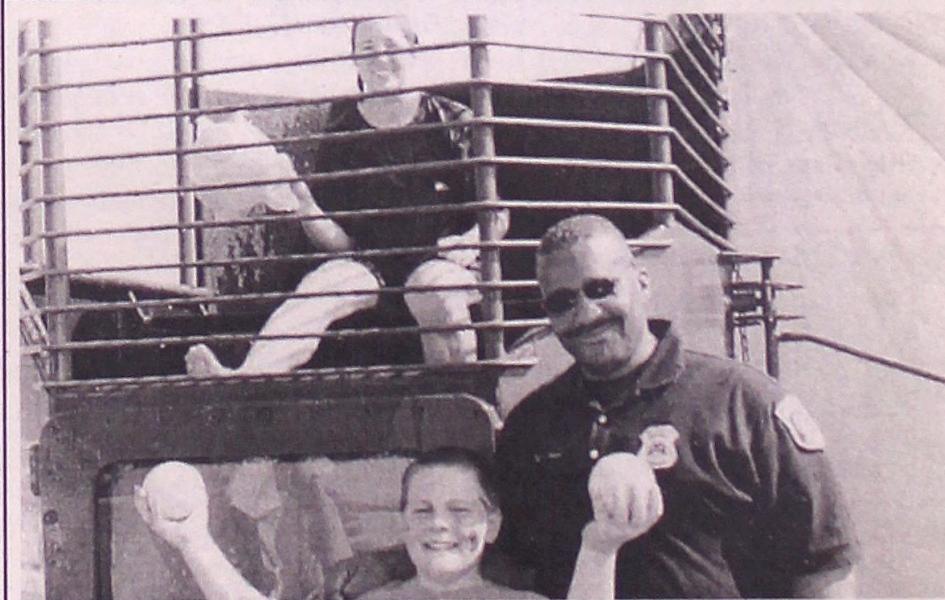
Romulus Elementary students (from left) Jasmine Brown, Akara Stovall, Carmen Collie, and Kiara Miller – who danced to the Destiny's Child hit called "Independent Women" – were among many groups who performed at the school's recent talent show.



Enjoying soup prepared by Wick Elementary students for their friends at the Romulus Senior Center were (from left): front – Dorothy Federspiel, Lauren Johnson, Shealya Melville, Ben Camilleri, and Jazmine Williams; back row – Barbara Gillingham and Vi Willoughby.



(From left) Kara Gaddis, Justice Bowie, and Savannah Edwards were among many four-year-olds in the Michigan School Readiness program who used iMac computers at the Burton School to help them prepare to enter kindergarten this fall.



Middle School seventh-grader Garrett Lefler dunked his teacher, Lisa Handyside, five times with the 20 balls he purchased at a fund-raiser for nine-year-old leukemia sufferer Shannon Spicer. Police Liaison Officer Mike Jones supervised the dunk-tank activities.

Country Corner

Four-day Festival Features Big-name Acts



Alan Jackson



JoDee Messina

Country Concert at Hickory Hill Lakes is getting ready for the 22nd annual music and camping festival to be held July 11-14. The event – which takes place on a 500-acre RV park in Shelby County, Ohio – features live country music, live bull riding, the USA Karaoke Finals, and camping. Other activities scheduled include line dancing, shopping, hot-air-balloon launches, and plenty of good food and drink.

The event has hosted nearly every country music notable to come out of Nashville for the past 22 years, according to event promoter Mike Barhorst.

"We've had about every superstar, legend, and one-hit wonder [you could name]," he said.

"Our whole lineup is great this year," he continued, "but we are particularly lucky to have Alan Jackson and Toby Keith at the same event. They are both really hot acts, and we have them back-to-back on the Friday and Saturday of our show."

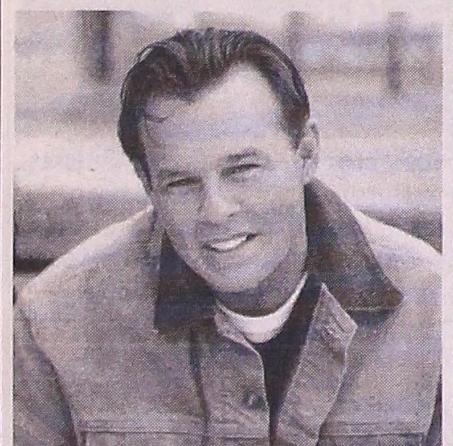
The list of featured acts includes:

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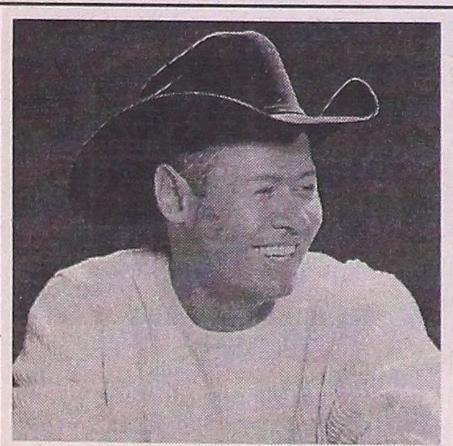
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Toby Keith

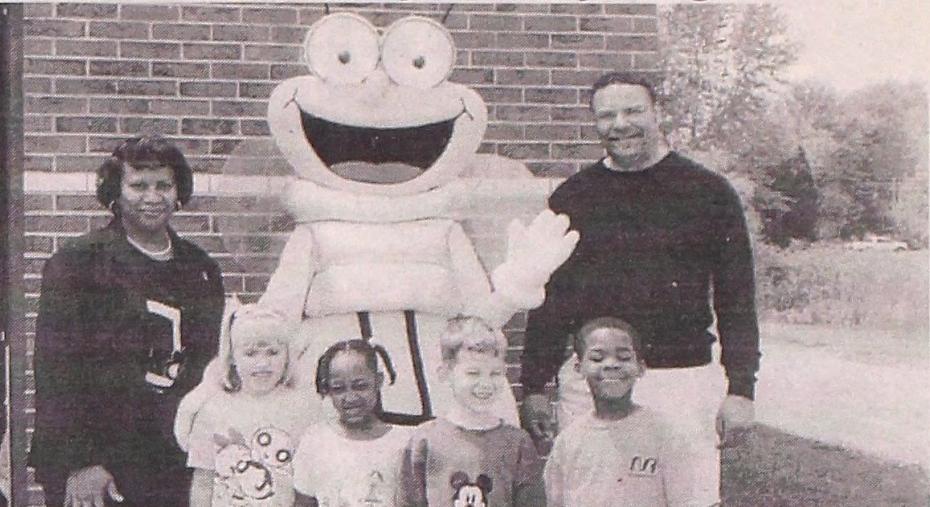


Sammy Kershaw



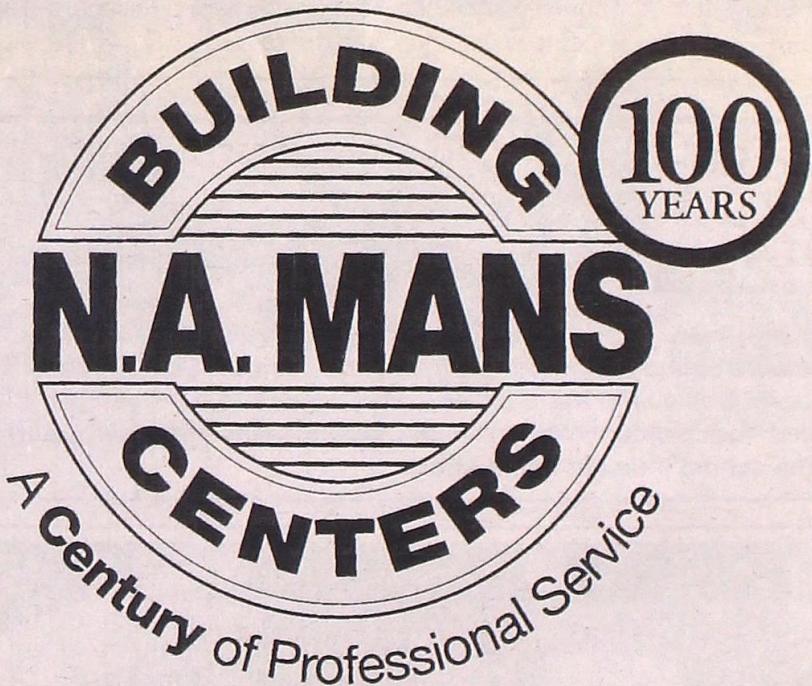
Neal McCoy

Electrical Safety: A Very Bright Idea



Cory grandparents Cheryl and Waynard Shreve – both Detroit Edison employees – arranged to have Louie the Lightning Bug visit the school to explain electrical safety to the students, including (from left) Kayla Bryk, Charmaine Thomas, Denver Hojinowski, and Cameron Barnes.

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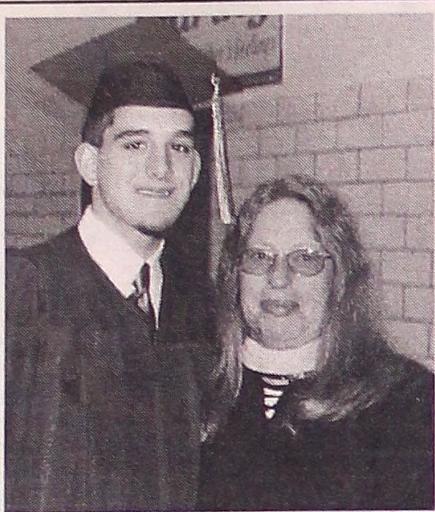
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RHS "Class of 2002" Grads Celebrate Commencement



Grad Brandon Hicks accepts the congratulations of School Board President Debbie Dick.

Romulus High School's commencement ceremony for the Class of 2002 was held in the High School Field House on Saturday, June 8. A large, enthusiastic crowd helped celebrate this memorable occasion and cheered on the graduates throughout the program.

Introductory and welcoming remarks were made by Principal Dan Hurst, Superintendent Joel R. Carr, and Board of Education President Debbie

Dick. Assistant principals Doug Hoffman and Don Foley presented biographical sketches of the class valedictorian and salutatorian, and the award-winning Romulus High School Symphonic Band – under the direction of Henry James – performed "The Great Lakes Overture."

Valedictorian Jerome Gray and salutatorian Antoinette Price gave inspirational addresses encouraging their classmates to continue with new and exciting accomplishments in their lives. Class president Andrea Gibson made congratulatory remarks about the Class of 2002's achievements. College scholarships for the Class of 2002 currently total over \$400,000, with additional awards arriving daily at the offices of the High School counselors.

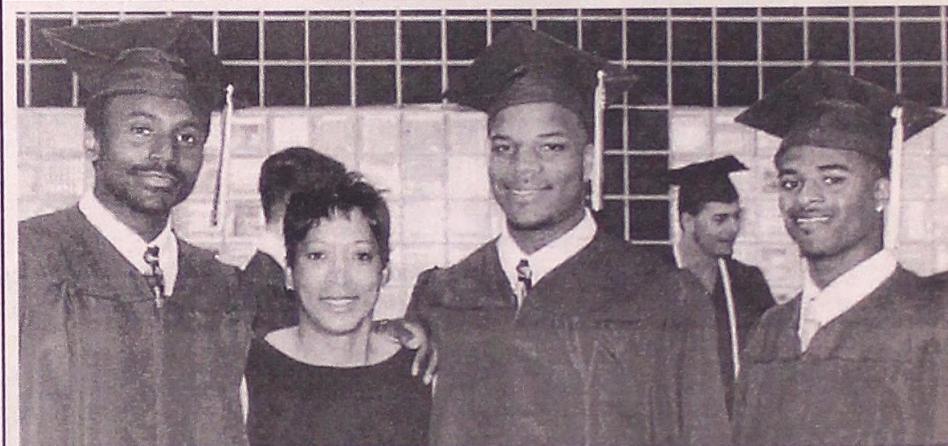
The highlight of the program was the awarding of a diploma to each of the graduates.

In a moving conclusion to the program, Hurst also presented an honorary diploma for deceased classmate Joseph Reed to his brother, Kevin Reed.

Both the entry and recessional marches by the members of the Class of 2002 were greeted with standing ovations, with many additional cheers added for the recessional. □



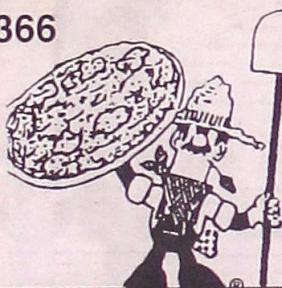
Romulus High School's "Class of 2002" commencement ceremony was attended by many smiling graduates, including (from left) Angela Zajac, Nicole Bills, Christina Tieppo, and Amelia McCray.



Cheryle Buckley (second from left), Treasurer of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, was on hand to congratulate the graduates, including (from left) Anson Long, Fred Harbor, and Charles Searcy.

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Betty Lenossi (second from left), Secretary of the Board, expressed her congratulations and best wishes to graduates (from left) Deana Hunter, Jennifer Harper, and Roger Chapman.

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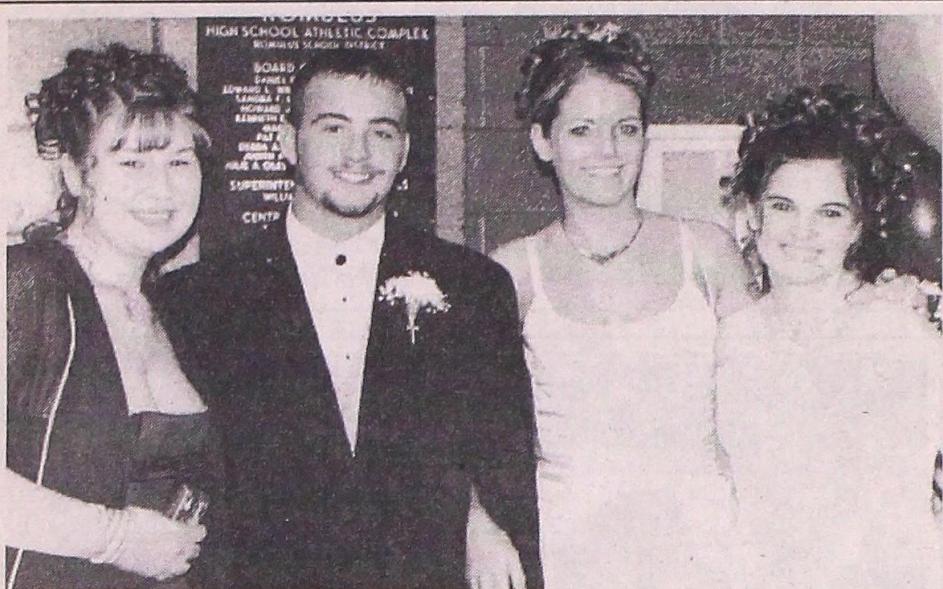
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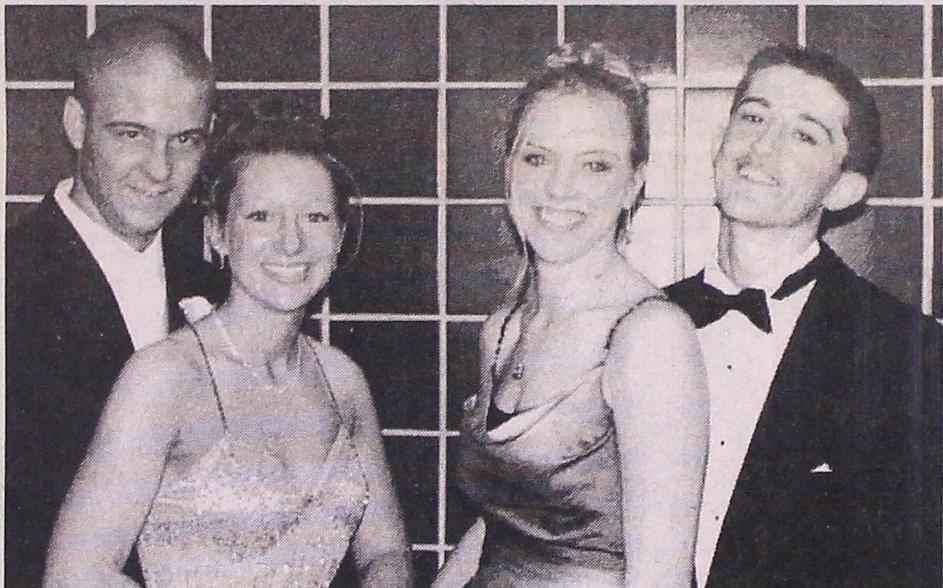
RHS Prom Toast



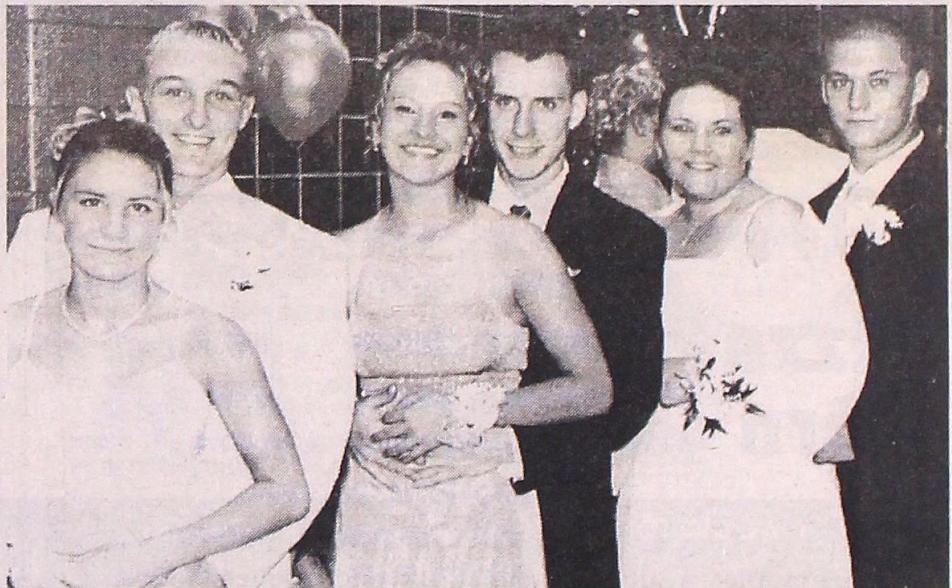
Among those attending the pre-Prom Toast for Romulus High School's Class of 2002 were (all photos from left to right) Jenny Cornelius, Brian Gurner, Leah Lazenby, and Cathy Brennan.



Other attendees included Kindra Taylor, DeJuan Rusan, Sunshine Brown, Melvin Stewart, Amber Barnes, Jerome Gray, Christopher Turner, and Brandy Hemmingway.



Still others at the event: John Ryznar, Deana Hunter, Heather Lane, and Florjan Spahiu.



Lisa LeBlanc, Roger Chapman, Jenifer Kiesznowski, Brandon Malott, Angela Zajac, and Josh Cutliff.



Katrice Calloway, Robert Jackson, Summer Jackson, and Adam Gibbons.



Beonka Dreher, Roderick Freeman, Joysica Rogers, and Ramon Kinlock.

RHS Prom Toast



Matt Neimann, Cali Trevorrow, Kristi Rice, and Brandon DeMoisey.



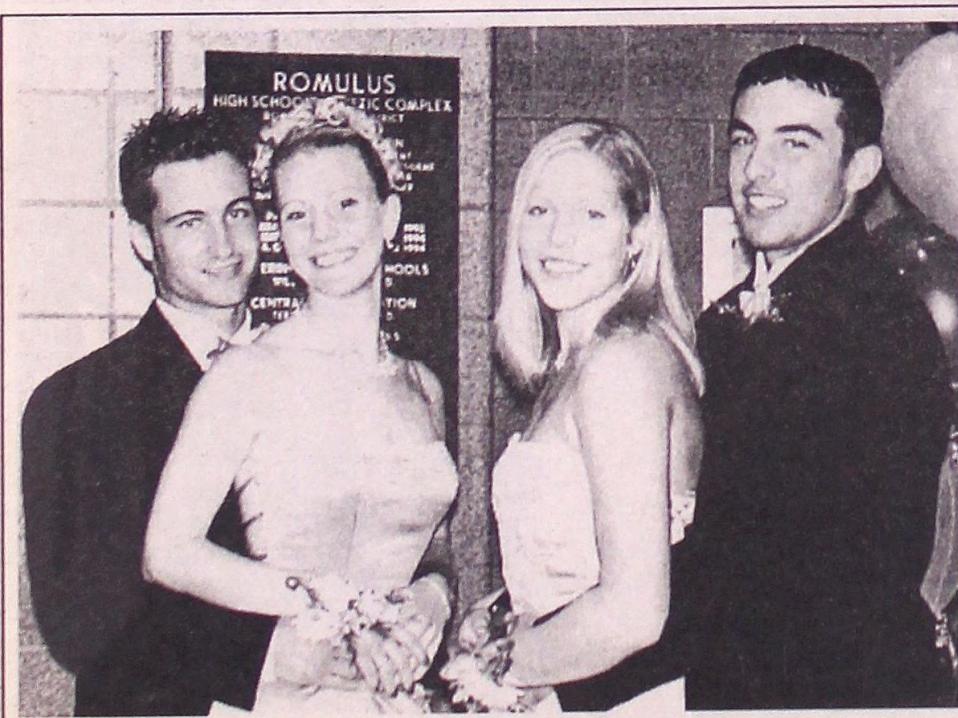
Mike Sandusky, Lindsey Redding, Sherie Yarborough, and Antonio Evans.



Charles Searcy, Davyn Cuffee, Keith LaCroix, and Taquifcha Cook.



Jasmine Mark, Abdul Muhammad, Kelly Vesey, and Eugenia Parker.



David Boyd, Andrea Gibson, Rachel Broom, and Mike Murphy.



Tasha Mullins, Steve Moore, Sabrina Hool, and Josh Phillips.

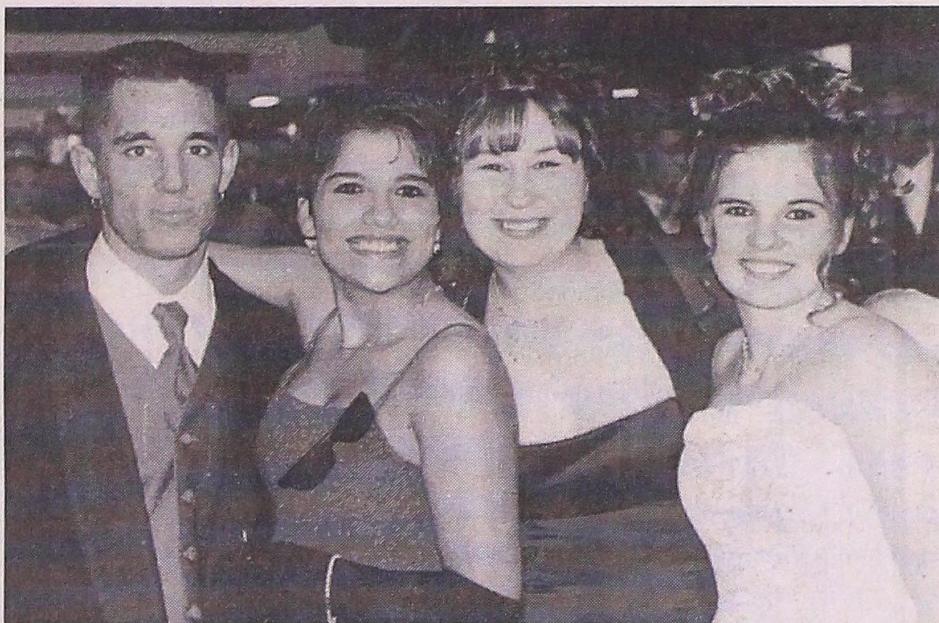
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Kevin White, Ingrid Butler, Anson Long, Geana Lewis, Deon Solomon, and Natasha Tao.



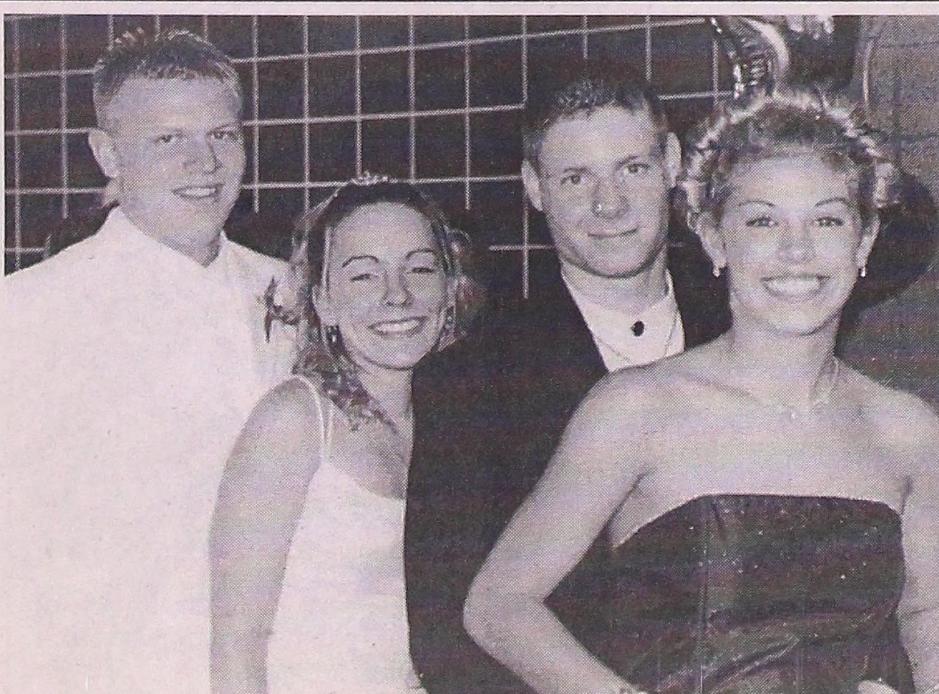
Lasheda Johnson, Samantha Vaughn, Patrice Beasley, Arekeyta Porter, and Melzina Thompson.



Nathan Belinc, Melissa Thornton, Jenny Cornelius, and Cathy Brennan.



Kristen Brooks, Sarah Hall, and Jessica May.



Andy Blankenship, Nicole Bills, Jason Linderman, and Teri Speer.



Antoinette Price, Fred Harbor, Dominique Dixon, and Wesley Jenkins.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Submittal of an Operating License Application for a New Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility

Pursuant to Part 111 of Act 451, Hazardous Waste Management of Michigan's Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451), notice is hereby given that Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), will submit an Operating License Application for a Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

Facility Description and Location

EDS proposes to operate a Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility to dispose of liquids in two deep injection wells, for which Permits have been issued under Part 625 of Act 451. The facility is located at 28470 Citrin Drive in the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 12, T3S-R9E in Romulus, Michigan.

Review Process Description

The application will first be reviewed by the MDEQ for completeness. If the application is incomplete, the applicant and local community shall be notified by the MDEQ. The Director shall make a final decision on the application within 140 days after receiving a complete application.

Before making a final decision on the operating license application, the director shall, when authorized pursuant to the provisions of 40 CFR Part 271, prepare an operating license or notice of intent to deny; publish a public notice that an operating license, or notice of intent to deny, has been prepared, and allow not less than 45 days for public comment; provide public notice of any public hearing scheduled pursuant to the provisions of R 299.9514 not less than 30 days before the hearing date.

Preapplication Public Information Meeting

EDS will conduct a public information meeting prior to submitting the application to the MDEQ. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- provide a description of the Facility,
- describe the nature of its operations,
- describe the nature of the permitting process under Act 451, Part 111.

Meeting details:

Wednesday, July 17, 2002 – 7:00 P.M.
Crowne Plaza Hotel
8000 Merriman Road
Romulus, Michigan
(For Special Access Needs, please notify EDS at 248-642-4214 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.)

Location of Application Materials

After the application is submitted, it will be available for review at the MDEQ, Waste Management Division Office, on the first floor of Constitution Hall, Atrium North, 525 W. Allegan, Lansing, Michigan, and at the Southeastern Michigan Field Office, 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan. Copies of the application package (after it is submitted) may be ordered from the MDEQ, Waste Management Division, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, MI 48909, for the cost of reproduction. Interested persons must write to this address to be placed on the facility mailing list.

For Further Information

Questions regarding the proposed facility should be addressed to Austin Marshall, Vice-president of EDS, P.O. Box 74456, Romulus, MI 48174 (phone number: 248-642-4214), or to Mr. Steve Sliver, Hazardous Waste Program Section, MDEQ (phone number: 517-373-1976).

This notice has been placed by EDS pursuant to Part 111 of Act 451.

EDS To Hold Public Meeting

NOTICE

PREAPPLICATION PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Application For:

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Part III
Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc.
("EDS")
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Romulus, Michigan

Meeting Details:

7:00 PM
July 17, 2002
Crowne Plaza Hotel
8000 Merriman Road
Romulus, Michigan

Special Access Needs:

Please notify EDS at
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72 hours prior to
the meeting

Purpose of Meeting:

To provide a description of the
facility to be operated, the nature of
its operation, and the license
application process.

Application Contact Person:
Austin Marshall
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Romulus, MI 48174
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This sign, announcing EDS' upcoming public information meeting, is posted on the company's property near I-94.

In keeping with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regulations governing the submission of an operating license application for a new hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility on Citrin Drive in Romulus, Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), has scheduled a public meeting for 7 p.m. on Wednesday,

July 17, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Romulus.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide interested persons with a description of the facility and the nature of its operations, as well as to explain the permitting process.

For more information, please see the public notice on this page. □

Jets Enjoy Special Visitors

The Metro Jets, a basketball team at Metro Charter Academy of Romulus, has enjoyed visits from a couple of VIPs this year thanks to the efforts of attorney Leonard Mungo, a parent volunteer who developed the first-year team for fifth-graders.

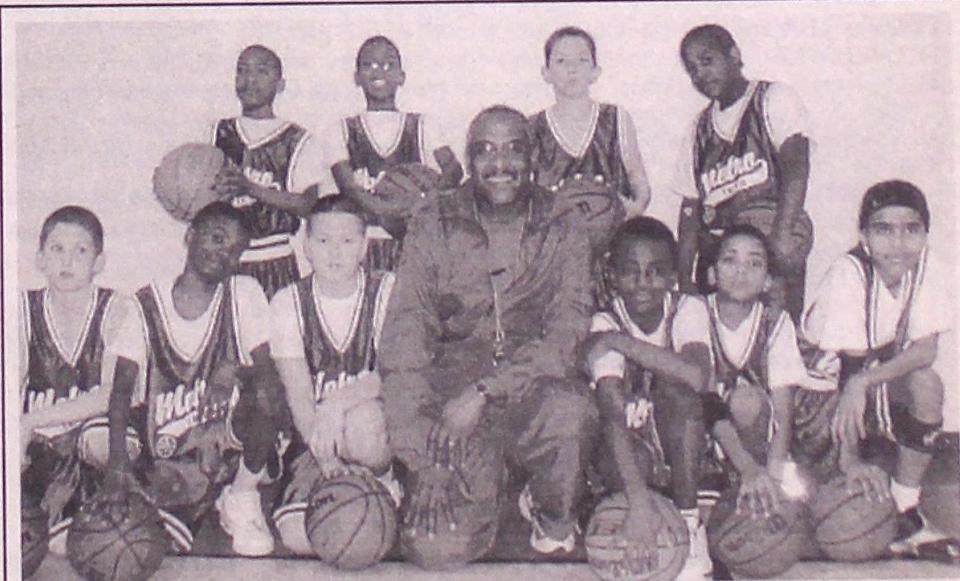
On May 16, Agent James Dunlap, the man in charge of Michigan's Secret Service agents to the President of the United States, made time in his busy schedule to attend an assembly at the school and present the team with trophies. Earlier, during the regular season

of play, Lieutenant Cornel Stafford of the Michigan State Police spoke to the team and took pictures with them.

The team's success was a pleasant surprise to many at the school.

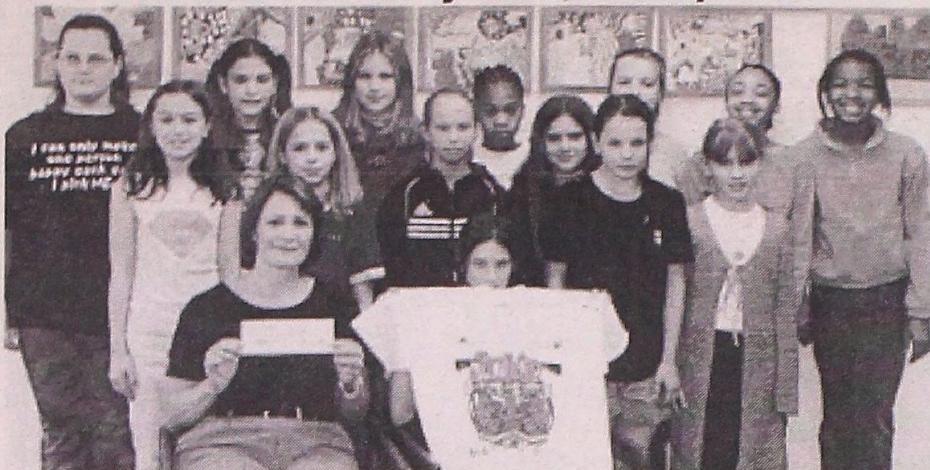
"They entered the season very unseasoned," said Assistant Principal Fred H. Williams, "but, though they ventured out into a very competitive league, they added some sixth-graders and wound up taking third place."

"Principal Andrew Cook and Athletic Director Dave Hyvari are particularly proud of the students," he added. □



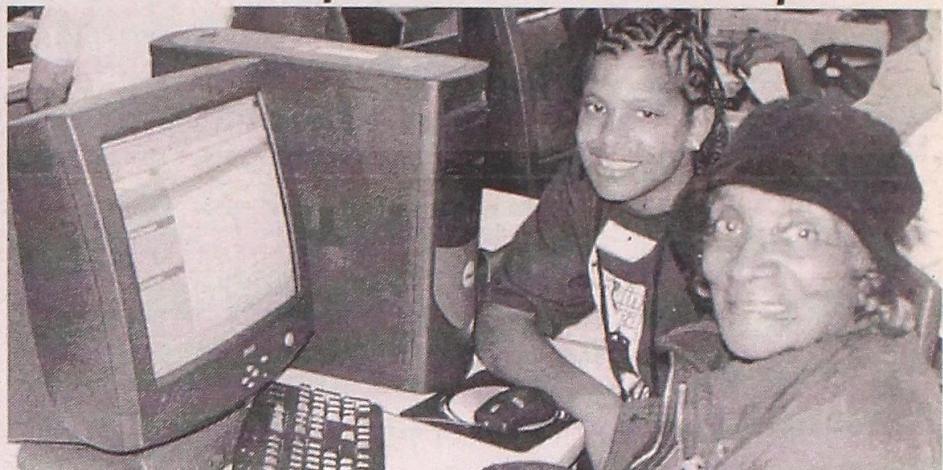
Coach Leonard Mungo (center) and the 2001–2002 Metro Jets: (from left) front row – Brent Saylor, Jonas Lawson, Tristin Brown, Jason Flint, Brandyn Mungo, and Elijah Mathews; back row – Caleb Brown, Christian Moon, Jacob Floyd, and Robert Woodson.

Barth's Community Service Spirit Week



Raising \$1,800 for charity were Sheila Stasak and (from left): front – Emily Doyle; middle – Mary Ann Watts, Samantha Watson, Alexa Moore, Chelsea Hay, Chelsea Stafford, Deanna Bentley; back – Kayla Dizney, Cheyenne Oakley, Kelsey Hadyniak, Antoinette Newson, Paige Coon, Kyla Barker.

Students Help Seniors with Computers



Business Professionals of America Club members from Romulus High School recently hosted a "computer basics" seminar/workshop for local senior citizens. Here, student Ferris Jackson works with senior Louise Shropshire from the Romulus Senior Center.

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REGULAR MEETING, MAY 13, 2002

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, May 13, 2002, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Debbie Dick.

Roll call showed members Ken Berlinn, Michael Woods, Billy McCraight, Cheryle Buckley, Betty Lenossi, and Debbie Dick present. Member April Frayer excused. All administrators were present.

President Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/02/1 Moved by Berlinn supported by McCraight that the Board approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

5/02/2 Moved by Berlinn supported by Buckley to approve the Minutes of April 22, 2002, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RESIGNATIONS: Charles Wood, Resource Teacher, Barth Elementary School, Effective June 14, 2002.

5/02/3 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley that the Board of Education approve the resignation of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE – FYI: Maryanne Leadbetter, Second-grade Teacher, Halecreek Elementary School, Effective August 2002 through August 2003.

RETIREMENT: Judith Barthwell, Music Teacher, Cory and Wick Elementary Schools, Middle School, and High School, Effective June 14, 2002; Gail Coleman, Physical Education Teacher, High School, Effective June 14, 2002; Gail Perkins, Learning Specialist, Barth Elementary School, Effective June 14, 2002; and Joan Christensen, Cafeteria, High School, Effective July 1, 2002.

5/02/4 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley that the Board of Education approve the retirement of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

5/02/5 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Curriculum Presentation

Mr. Jesse Meriweather, Director of Athletics, appeared before the Board of Education with a season summary and department report for the 2001–2002 school year. Mr. Jason Kahler, Coach of Lacrosse, was also in attendance, speaking on their successful 2001–2002 season, and invited everyone to the playoffs.

Construction Update

Kevin Waldman and Todd Ketola presented an update to the Board of Education on construction.

2001–2002 Budget Amendment

5/02/6 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley that the Board of Education approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to adopt the revised 2001–2002 General Fund Budget Report along with Food Service and Athletics. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

June 10, 2002 – Board Meeting Change

5/02/7 Moved by Buckley supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education change the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education from Monday, June 10, 2002, to Tuesday, June 11, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Wayne County Special Education Millage Resolution

5/02/8 Moved by Berlinn supported by Buckley that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution calling for a 1.5-mill millage election be held on August 6, 2002. Further, that if this millage is successful, the district will reduce the 2002–2003 hold-harmless millage by two mills. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Cedar Point Trip – High School

5/02/9 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley that the Board of Education approve a Field Trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park, Sandusky, Ohio, for June 1, 2002, for Romulus High School. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mr. Ken Mientkiewicz addressed the Board of Education as to whether the vacancy created at the High School by teacher retiring would be posted. Mr. Troy LaPorte stated that he was supportive of the Bowling program if the Mega League adds bowling. He further stated that the Kindergarten Graduation at Barth Elementary is excellent and should be considered for all elementary schools.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board: 1) RESA Board Highlights; 2) The High Cost of Special Education; 3) MASB Headlines – Fish Philosophy – Romulus Community Schools; 4) Durant Liaison Committee; 5) Olympiad XVI – Michigan Social Studies; 6) NSBA National Affiliate Update; 7) Halecreek Elementary School Newsletter; 8) Wick School – End of Year Dates; 9) Service Learning Communication; 10) Communication – RESA – Honorees; 11) Communication – State Board of Education; 12) RHS – Student of the Month; 13) RHS – Parent Newsletter; 14) Cory Elementary Newsletter; 15) Romulus Elementary School Newsletter; 16) Romulus Middle School Newsletter; 17) Barth Elementary Newsletter; 18) Wick Elementary Newsletter; 19) Communication – Parent/Community Athletic Committee members; and 20) Class of 2002 MEAP Scholarship Members.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Billy McCraight concerned about reading program. Member Debbie Dick challenged the Board to videotape meetings by fall, when students come back to school. Member Cheryle Buckley informed the Board of Education of the passing away of Johnnie Hamilton, Romulus resident and former bus driver. Superintendent Joel R. Carr informed the Board that Chris Smith would be appearing before the Board of Education on June 11, 2002, with a technology presentation. He further informed the Board that counseling and robotics presentations would be held in the fall.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/02/10 Moved by McCraight supported by Buckley that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary
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STUDY SESSION, MAY 28, 2002

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, May 28, 2002, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Debbie Dick.

Roll call showed all Board members present. All administrators were present. President Dick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/02/11 Moved by McCraight supported by Buckley that the Board approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

5/02/12 Moved by Berlinn supported by Buckley to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2002, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Curriculum Presentation

Mrs. Kathy Hurst presented the Board of Education with an overview of Service Learning for grades K-12 for the 2001-2002 school year.

Career Pathways Grant

Curriculum Director Tom Dolan informed the Board of Education that the district received a \$120,000 grant for professional development. Mr. William Musham, Director of Adult Education, made application for this grant.

Summer School Update

Curriculum Director Tom Dolan informed the Board of Education that summer school would be held at the High School and Cory Elementary School, and that summer school would be tuition based.

Financial Considerations for 2002-2003

Superintendent Joel R. Carr updated the Board regarding budget cuts being made by Governor Engler/State of Michigan and the financial status of Romulus Community Schools.

Program Issues - Pool, etc.

Superintendent Joel R. Carr spoke to the Board of Education about a swimming program being provided for elementary students at fourth-grade level.

Staffing Issues

Superintendent Joel R. Carr stated that, due to cutbacks in funding from the state, costs of programs, conferences, and staffing throughout the district will be closely monitored for the 2002-2003 school year.

Questions and Concerns of Board Members

Member Betty Lenossi shared a crisis plan with the Board of Education that was adopted through the Climate Committee. She further stated that she was very pleased with the implementation of the plan with regard to the bomb threat at Barth Elementary School. She further informed the Board about Discipline and Timelines for Misbehavior on School Buses. Ms. Lenossi advised members of the Board that DARE has been changed to TEAM, and that vending machines at schools are being addressed. Member Billy McCraight stated that the Cable Committee is looking at three different proposals for the taping of School Board Meetings. Member Cheryle Buckley stated that a Healthy Living Committee meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2002 at 12:00 noon, and a grant has been written and submitted by Ms. Sheila Stasak and Ms. Laura Ralko. Curriculum Director Tom Dolan informed the Board that the Compact has been revised and that other districts are looking at the Romulus school district's Compact as a model for their districts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

5/02/14 Moved by McCraight supported by Buckley that the Board convene into Executive Session. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 8:29 p.m.

5/02/15 Moved by Woods supported by Frayer to reconvene into Regular Session at 8:45 p.m. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

5/02/16 Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

New Program Gives At-risk People Cell Phones for 9-1-1 Service

The Romulus Senior Center – in conjunction with the Romulus Recreation Center, the Romulus Police Department, and Romulus City Hall – is establishing a program designed to get used cell phones into the hands of at-risk individuals so that they can call 9-1-1 in case of a life-threatening emergency. To make their program a success, these agencies are asking area residents to donate cell phones that have batteries and chargers.

To make your donation, or to put in an application for the use of a cell phone, call or stop in at the Center.

Senior Appreciation Picnic

The annual Senior Appreciation Picnic will be held, appropriately enough, on the first day of summer (Friday, June 21) at the Senior Center's park beginning at noon. (In the event of rain, the picnic will be held inside the Center.)

A traditional picnic lunch (featuring hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips, dessert, and beverage) will be followed by bingo and card games.

Although there is no charge to take part in this event, preregistration is required.

County Hosts Senior Picnic

Free tickets are still available for the Wayne County Senior Citizens' Picnic, to be held at the Warrendale Picnic Site in Hines Park (Warren Avenue between Telegraph and Ann Arbor Trail) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 22. Call 734-727-7373 for more information.

Senior Day at Comerica Park

A limited number of tickets are still available for the Romulus Senior Center's trip to Comerica Park on Tuesday, July 16, to see the Tigers play the Boston Red Sox. A cost of \$12.50 per person will cover transportation/parking, admission, a hot dog or slice of pizza, and a small soft drink. Sign up at the Center.

Sign Up for Senior Olympics

Seniors age 55 and over are invited to register for the 17th annual Downriver Senior Olympics, set for August 5-9. For a complete list of this year's events, stop in at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **City By The Bay**
(July 15; \$57);
- **African Lion Safari**
(August 22; \$75-adult/\$60 child);
- **Wisconsin Dells**
(August 26-29; \$499); and
- **"My Fair Lady"**
(October 29; \$89).

Tour of K-9 Academy

Officer Damian Hull of the Romulus Police Department has arranged for seniors to tour the local K-9 Academy to get a firsthand look at how officers and police dogs are working together to make Romulus a safe place to live. The trip is set for Wednesday, June 19, at 10 a.m. To ensure that adequate transportation is available, preregistration is required.

Walk for Fun and Exercise

The Romulus Senior Center is organizing a temporary walking club to meet three days per week (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays) at 9 a.m. Walkers' distances will be recorded each day, and those reaching various milestones (5, 25, 50, 75, and 100) will be honored. Note: Days and times may vary due to schedule conflicts, etc.

Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, June 17, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center for an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Home Safety Program

Come in to the Senior Center on Monday, June 24, at 9:30 a.m. for a light breakfast/home safety forum sponsored by Garden City Hospital. The program is free, but preregistration is requested to ensure enough food is available for all.

Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens.

They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 1 p.m.), and
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.). □

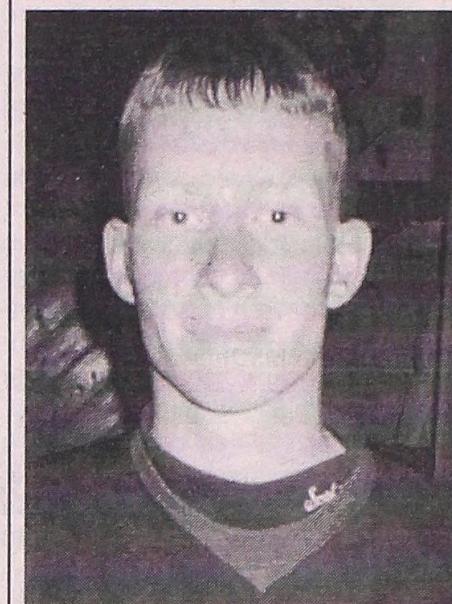
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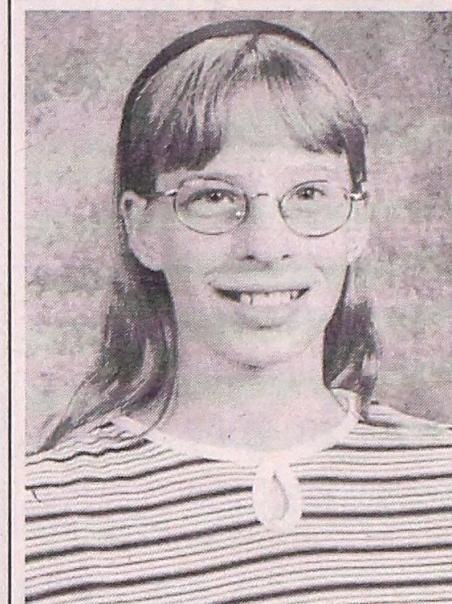
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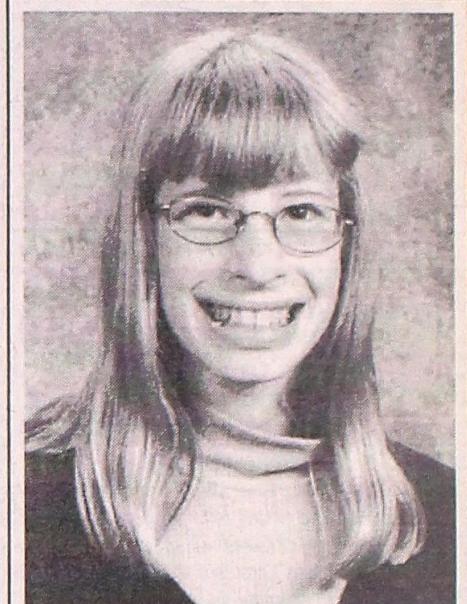
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Jennifer Dick



Jessica Dick

Ron and Debbie Dick of Romulus have a lot to be proud of.

Their oldest daughter Michele – a 1995 Romulus High School graduate who had already earned a Bachelor's Degree in public administration from Grand Valley State University – received her Master's Degree in higher education from North Carolina State University on May 18. She has accepted a position as a housing director at Western Michigan University, and will begin work at the end of July.

Son Sean, who graduated from RHS in 1997, received a Bachelor's Degree in communications from Alma College on April 20. He played two years of basketball and three years of baseball during his time at Alma, and has already lined up many interviews.

Though not yet in college, the Dicks' other children – twin daughters Jennifer and Jessica – are also successful students. Both are seventh-graders at Romulus Middle School, where they maintain all A's, play volleyball and soft-

ball, and perform in the Symphonic Band. The two were recently named All-American Scholars by the United States Achievement Academy, an organization that recognizes superior students who

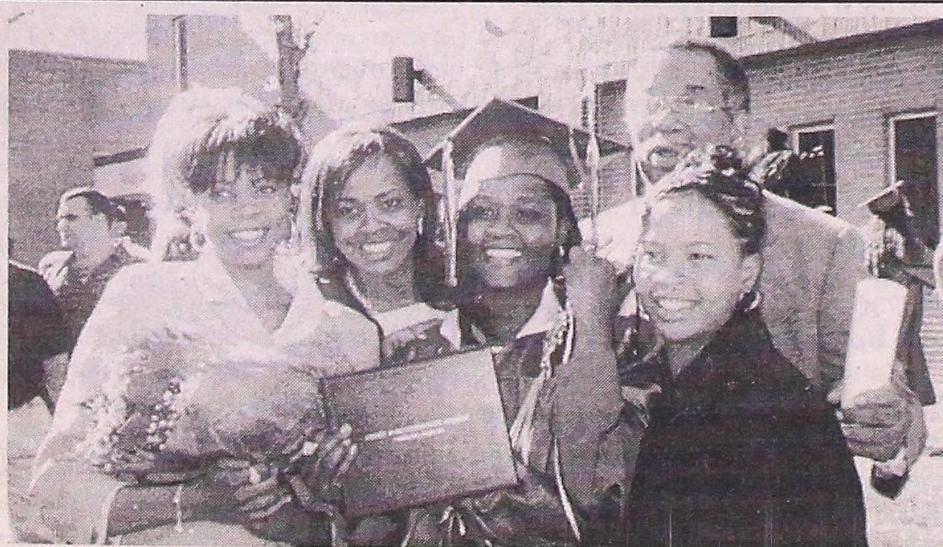
excel in the academic disciplines.

Michele, Sean, Jennifer, and Jessica are the grandchildren of Claude and Beverly Cox (Inkster) and Gene Wilcox (Wayne).

Family Proud of Graduate Yahmi Nundley

The family of Romulus resident Yahmi Nundley (father Herbert Hay; brothers Guy, Dayne, Ahkym, and David; sisters Myya, Kyla, Ayyva, and Deyja; aunts Poinsettia and Gail; and granddad

Joe) is proud to announce her graduation from Henry Ford Community College. Nundley received her Associate's Degree in criminal justice at the school's commencement program, held May 4.



Graduate Yahmi Nundley (center) is congratulated by family members (from left) Myya Dyson, Ayyva Horton, Herbert Hay, and Deyja Nundley.

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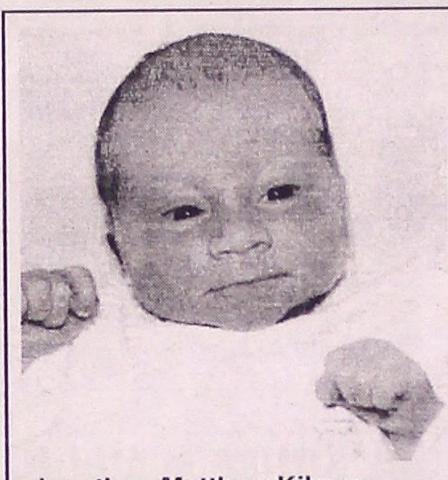
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The Stork Arrived

Jonathon Matthew Kilmer



Jonathon Matthew Kilmer

Kevin Kilmer and Crystal Minner of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Jonathon Matthew Kilmer.

Jonathon was born in Riverside Osteopathic Hospital (Trenton, MI) at 4:07 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2002, weighing in at 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and measuring 19 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival was his big brother, Brenden.

Jonathon's paternal grandparents are Rondle and Denise Worley (Belleville, MI); Dennis and Jackie Minner (both of Romulus) are his maternal grandparents.

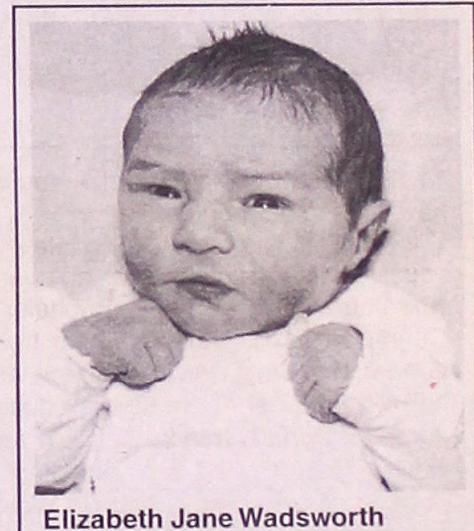
Elizabeth Jane Wadsworth

Proudly announcing the birth of their first child, Elizabeth Jane Wadsworth, are William and Jamie Wadsworth of Romulus.

Elizabeth was born in Wyandotte Hospital at 5:01 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2002, weighing 9 pounds, 8 ounces, and measuring 21 inches in length.

Especially excited about the new arrival were her cousins, Sarah and Andrew Wadsworth of Romulus.

Also giving Elizabeth a warm and loving welcome into the family were her paternal grandparents, Bill and Jean Wadsworth of Romulus, and her maternal grandparents, Joseph Deaunee of Wayne and Linda Sobczak of Carleton.



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Obituary

Dalphine Stewart

Dalphine Stewart of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, May 13, 2002. She was 49 years old.

The native of Detroit, Michigan, was born on March 30, 1953.

Dalphine is survived by a daughter, Vita (Ronala) Wolfe-Parham (Romulus); a son, Pierre Stewart (Romulus); her mother, Geraldine Watkins (Romulus); a brother, Roger Wolf (Detroit); two sisters, Karen (Romulus) and Elaine Watkins (Texas); and three grandchildren, Siera Stewart, Shakita Wilson, and Ronald Parham.

A funeral service was held on Monday, May 20, at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church (Wayne, MI), with Pastor Virgil Humes officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Cemetery (Canton, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus). □

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